

**Thomas K. Besh Memorial Scholarship Fund
Scholarship Award Application
2019-2020 Academic Year**

Tom Besh was first and foremost an educator with an abiding love for the mountains, running, skiing, and adventure. Tom's associations and contributions to the sport of skiing are many and varied commencing with his ski racing career, evolving into a prominent ski coach, and continuing as a driving force behind the Nordic Ski Association of Anchorage. Tom coached at the high school, collegiate, and national level and was a professor of education at UAA. He is also one of a select few to win Mountain Marathon in under 45 minutes.

In his honor, we award this scholarship to individuals who similarly share Tom's love and dedication of skiing and/or outdoor adventure while continuing to exemplify academics, sportsmanship and volunteerism with goals to continue this lifestyle into the future.

Scholarship Information:

Three \$2000 scholarships awarded for the academic year 2019-2020.

Requirements:

All applicants must meet the following:

- Must be an Alaska resident
- Must have a cumulative GPA of 2.75 or greater
- Must be a high school senior, high school graduate, or attending an accredited university.
- Must attend an accredited university/college during the 2020-2021 academic year.

Must submit a completed application including:

- High school and/or collegiate transcripts
- Two letters of recommendation
- 1-2 page essay describing athletic, academic, and community involvement and your goals for maintaining these achievements for future years to come.

*Preference will be given to Alaska residents who will be attending school in Alaska and active members of their prospective school's ski team.

Applications will be available online at anchoragenordicski.com or at your high school Career Resource Office.

Applications are due no later than May 3, 2020 A decision will be made by May 17th and applicants notified thereafter.

Please email a completed application to leahbesh@gmail.com or mail to 1426 W 23rd Ave Anchorage, AK 99503. Scanned documents will be accepted but are subject to verification.

If you feel you are a qualified candidate please provide the following:

Name: _____ Sex: M F
School Currently Attending: _____ Years Attended _____
Birth Place _____ Birth Date _____
Local Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Email address: _____ Phone #: _____

*We will communicate with applicants primarily via email, please check accordingly.
Previously Attended High Schools (include location and dates of attendance):

1. List your extra curricular activities and honors received:
2. List your academic achievements or honors received:
3. What are your college plans (list schools and please update the selection board if there are changes):
4. Please list educational costs:

	Amount (\$)
Tuition	
Room, board, books	
Other costs	

5. Please list sources of educational funding:

Educational Funding	Amount (\$)
Savings	
Other Scholarship/Grants	
Estimated Family Contribution	

I certify that all of the information included in this application packet is factual and true. Any information that has been falsified or misrepresented may result in the withdrawal of recommendations and forfeiture of the award.

Applicant Signature and Date

